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During its session on May 26, the Ethiopian Council of Representatives, the parliament, condemned the Oromo Liberation Front (OLF) for its part in the massacre of over 150 people in Bedeno in the eastern part of the country in April (ION N°527). The report made by the parliamentary inquiry commission appointed on April 21, concluded that members of the OLF had indeed been involved in the killings in the presence of local OLF leaders.

The OLF, for its part, has taken a tougher stance towards the ruling **EPRDF**, accusing it of not respecting the terms of the agreement regulating the distribution of armed forces that was signed in April with the aid of mediation by the provisional Eritrean government and the United States. OLF radio, monitored by the BBC on May 27, accused **EPRDF** soldiers of anti-Oromo harassment (occupying OLF property, restricting mobility of the front's leaders and other acts), in the run-up to regional elections slated for June. The OLF radio also criticised the **EPRDF** of sparking conflicts between Oromos and other ethnic communities, notably the Issa in the east of the country. Furthermore, the OLF radio accused the new leaders in Addis Ababa of launching a "new form of exploitation of the Oromo people" and compared them to the "old Derg" led by ousted President Mengistu Haile Mariam.

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